

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please Amend the paragraphs at page 3, line 1 through line 19 (which were presented in the Amendment filed July 12, 2007) as follows:

According to one aspect of the present invention, an image verification system has an image generation device and a first image verification device. The image generation device includes (a) an image data generation unit that generates image data, and (b) a first verification data generation unit that generates first verification data from the image data using ~~first information and not using public key cryptography~~ a common key in common key cryptography. The first image verification device includes (a) a first verification unit that verifies, using the image data, the first verification data and the ~~first information~~ common key, whether the image data is altered ~~or not~~, and (b) a second verification data generation unit that generates second verification data from the image data using ~~second information and a private key in public key cryptography~~ without editing the image data, if the first verification unit verifies that the image data is not altered.

According to another aspect of the present invention, an image verification system includes an image generation device, a first image verification device, and a connection device that is connected to the image generation device and the first image verification device. The image generation device includes (a) an image data generation unit that generates image data, and (b) a first verification data generation unit that generates first verification data from the image data using ~~first information and not using public key cryptography~~ a common key in common key cryptography. The connection device provides the image data and the first verification data to the first image verification device, which includes, (a) a first verification unit that verifies, using the image data, the first verification data and the ~~first information~~ common key, whether the image data is altered ~~or not~~, and (b) a second verification data generation unit that generates second verification data from the image data using ~~second information and a private key in public key cryptography~~ without editing the image data, if the first verification unit verifies that the image data is not altered.

According to still another aspect of the present invention, an image verification device includes a verification unit that verifies, using image data, first verification data and ~~first information~~a common key in common key cryptography, whether image data is altered ~~or not~~. The image data and the first verification data are generated in an image generation device, and the first verification data is generated from the image data using the ~~first information and not using public key cryptography~~common key. The image verification device further includes a verification data generation unit that generates second verification data from the image data using ~~second information and a private key in public key cryptography~~without editing the image data, if the verification unit verifies that the image data is not altered.

According to yet another aspect of the present invention, an image verification method includes a step of verifying, using image data, first verification data and ~~first information~~a common key in common key cryptography, whether image data is altered ~~or not~~, the image data and the first verification data being generated in an image generation device, and the first verification data being generated from the image data using the ~~first information and not using public key cryptography~~common key. The method further includes a step of generating second verification data from the image data using ~~second information and a private key in public key cryptography~~without editing the image data, if it is verified in the verifying step that the image data is not altered.